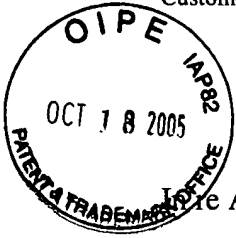


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**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

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Sir:

This response is to the non-final Office Action mailed July 18, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 18, 2005 with a one-month extension of time requested herein. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.